

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
Andreas M. ZEIHNER et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1641
Application No.: 10/534,985	)	Examiner: Lisa V. Cook
Int'l Filing Date: November 10, 2003	)	
§371(c) Date: October 23, 2006	)	
For: SCD40L AND PLACENTAL	)	Confirmation No.: 1864
GROWTH FACTOR (PLGF) USED	)	
AS A BIOCHEMICAL MARKER	)	
COMBINATION IN	)	
CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 28, 2009, the time for reply being extended three months to June 28, 2010, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed concurrently herewith, please reconsider the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims starting on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** start on page 8 of this paper.